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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, February 23, 2015
Place: Capitol

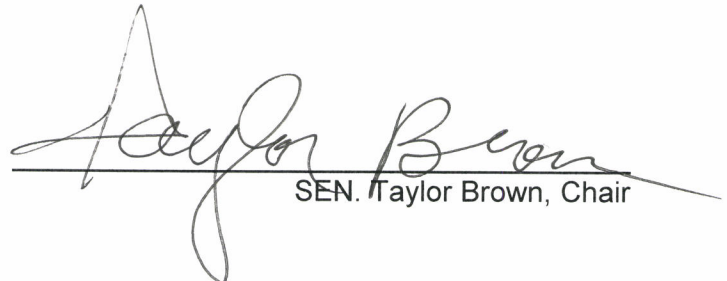
Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 405

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SB 345 Do Pass
SB 331 Do Pass As Amended

Comments: Room change from 422 to 405. Meeting for executive action only.


SEN. Taylor Brown, Chair

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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D) arrived after roll call
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R); Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action:

SB 345 Do Pass
SB 331 Do Pass As Amended

00:01:24 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 345

00:03:55 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 345 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:04:10 Sen. Arntzen

00:05:43 Chairman Brown

00:06:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Cohenour were excused.

00:06:20 Sen. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 331

00:06:49 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 331 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:06:52 Chairman Brown

EXHIBIT(1)

00:07:12 Sen. Hansen

00:08:36 Chairman Brown

00:08:59 Sen. Hansen

00:10:29 Sen. Jones

00:15:20 Sen. Facey

00:17:09 Chairman Brown

00:17:28 Sen. Hansen

00:18:29 Sen. Moe

00:21:35 Chairman Brown

00:21:52 Sen. Facey

00:21:55 Chairman Brown

00:22:03 Sen. Hansen

00:26:02 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 331 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(2)

Discussion:

00:26:09 Chairman Brown

00:26:29 Sen. Hansen

00:26:45 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:27:32 Sen. Facey

00:28:41 Chairman Brown

00:28:51 Sen. Facey

00:29:03 Chairman Brown

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00:29:12 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)
00:29:19 Chairman Brown
00:29:32 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
00:30:45 Sen. Facey
00:30:51 Mr. Melton
00:31:15 Sen. Moe
00:31:49 Mr. McCracken, LSD
00:31:57 Sen. Moe
00:31:59 Mr. McCracken
00:32:04 Sen. Facey
00:32:56 Chairman Brown
00:33:40 Sen. Hansen

00:34:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Cohenour voted by proxy.

00:34:44 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:35:01 Sen. Arntzen
00:36:17 Chairman Brown
00:36:48 Sen. Facey

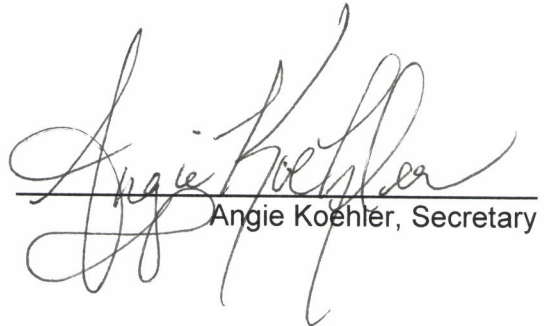
00:38:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Cohenour voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

00:38:23 Chairman Brown
00:39:57 Sen. Moe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:43 P.M.



Angie Koehler, Secretary

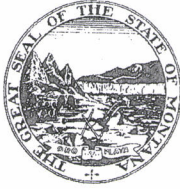
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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

DATE: FEB. 23, 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
SENATOR TAYLOR BROWN, CHAIRMAN	✓	
SENATOR MARK BLASDEL, VICE CHAIRMAN		✓
SENATOR JILL COHENOUR	✓	✓
SENATOR LLEW JONES	✓	
SENATOR SHARON STEWART-PEREGOY	✓	
SENATOR BOB KEENAN	✓	
SENATOR MARY SHEEHY MOE	✓	
SENATOR ELSIE ARNTZEN	✓	
SENATOR TOM FACEY		✓
SENATOR KRISTIN HANSEN	✓	

(arrived after
roll call)



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Madame President:

We, your committee on **Education and Cultural Resources** report that **Senate Bill 345** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: _____

Taylor Brown
Senator Taylor Brown, Chair

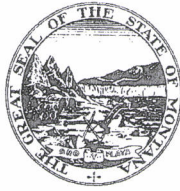
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Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 0

Fiscal Note Required X

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Madame President:

We, your committee on **Education and Cultural Resources** report that **Senate Bill 331** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass as amended.**

Signed: _____

Senator Taylor Brown, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 1, line 4.

Following: "TO"

Insert: "TEMPORARILY"

2. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "A" on line 5 through "LICENSE" on line 6

Insert: "SATISFYING A TRADITIONAL PATHWAY TO LICENSURE; ALIGNING
STATE LAW WITH FLEXIBLE LICENSING RULES OF THE BOARD OF
PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO
LICENSURE CONSISTENT WITH FLEXIBILITY UNDER RULES OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION"

3. Title, page 1, line 6.

Strike: "SECTION"

Insert: "SECTIONS"

Following: "20-4-101"

Insert: ", 20-4-104, 20-4-106, AND 20-4-108"

4. Page 1, line 13.

Strike: "(a)"

5. Page 1, line 17.

Strike: "(1) (b)"

Insert: "(2)"

6. Page 1, line 19.

Committee Vote:

Yes 10, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ____

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Following: "state"

Insert: "pursuant to 20-4-111"

7. Page 1, line 20 through line 29.

Strike: subsections (b) and (c) in their entirety

8. Page 1, line 30.

Following: "(2)"

Insert: "(a)"

9. Page 2, line 2.

Strike: "(3)"

Insert: "(b)"

10. Page 2, line 7.

Strike: "(4)"

11. Page 2.

Following: line 10

Insert: "(c) The traditional pathways to certification represented by the class 1, class 2, and class 3 designations under 20-4-106 do not apply to:

(i) a class 5 alternative certificate, which is valid for a term not to exceed 5 years, provided that the applicant satisfies the requirements of 20-4-106(1)(e);

(ii) a class 7 specialist certificate, provided that the applicant satisfies the requirements of 20-4-101(1)(g);

(iii) a class 8 certificate, provided that the applicant satisfies the requirements of 20-4-101(1)(h); or

(iv) an internship incorporating on-the-job training and a program design under which:

(A) the intern will complete the requirements for the appropriate endorsement within 3 years;

(B) the school district will provide local supervision and support of the intern; and

(C) the accredited educator preparation program will approve the coursework and provide support and periodic supervision."

12. Page 2, line 11.

Insert: "Section 2. Section 20-4-104, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-4-104. **Qualifications.** (1) A person may be certified as a teacher when the person satisfies the following qualifications. The person:

(a) is 18 years of age or older;

(b) is of good moral and professional character;

(c) has completed the teacher education program of a unit of the Montana university system or an essentially equivalent program at an accredited institution of equal rank and standing as that of any unit of the Montana university system, and the

training is evidenced by at least a bachelor's degree and a certification of the completion of the teacher education program, except as provided for in 20-4-106~~(1)(d)~~; and

(d) has subscribed to the following oath or affirmation before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support The Constitution of the United States of America and The Constitution of the State of Montana."

(2) Any person may be certified as a specialist when the person satisfies the requirements of subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b) and the requirement for a specialist certificate provided in 20-4-106(2)."

Insert: "Section 3. Section 20-4-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-4-106. Classifications of teacher and specialist certificates. (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall issue teacher certificates and the board of public education shall adopt teacher certification policies on the basis of the following classifications of teacher certificates:

(a) The class 1 professional certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who has completed a teacher education program that includes a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 1 year of study beyond the degree in a unit of the Montana university system or an equivalent institution. The professional certificate may be endorsed for elementary instruction, for secondary instruction, or both, and for specified subject fields on the basis of the applicant's academic and professional training and according to the board of public education policy for teacher certification endorsement.

(b) The class 2 standard certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who has completed a 4-year teacher education program and who has been awarded a bachelor's degree by a unit of the Montana university system or an equivalent institution. The standard certificate may be endorsed for elementary instruction, for secondary instruction, or both, and for specified subject fields on the basis of the applicant's academic and professional training and according to the board of public education policy for teacher certification endorsement.

(c) The class 3 administrative and supervisory certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who is eligible for a teacher certificate endorsed for teaching in the school or schools in which the applicant would be an administrator or would supervise. The applicant must also possess the training and experience required by the policies of the board of public education for an endorsement as superintendent, principal, or supervisor.

(d) The class 4 vocational, recreational, or adult education certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who has the qualifications of training and experience required by the United States office of education or the qualifications required by the special needs of the several

vocational, recreational, or adult education fields and who can qualify under the policy of the board of public education for the issuance of this classification of teacher certification.

(e) The class 5 ~~provisional~~ alternative certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who can provide satisfactory evidence of the intent to qualify in the future for a class 1 or a class 2 certificate and who has completed a 4-year college program or its equivalent and holds a bachelor's degree from a unit of the Montana university system or its equivalent. The ~~provisional~~ alternative certificate may be endorsed for elementary instruction, for secondary instruction, or both, and for special subject fields on the basis of the applicant's academic and professional training and according to the board of public education policy for teacher or specialist certification endorsement.

(f) The class 6 specialist certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant meeting the requirements of the board of public education for a school psychologist or school counselor.

(g) The class 7 specialist certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant based upon the verification by the American Indian tribe for which the language and culture certification is desired that the individual has met tribal standards for competency and fluency as a requisite for teaching that language and culture.

(h) The class 8 certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who is a faculty member of a regionally accredited postsecondary institution for the exclusive purpose of delivery of dual credit courses that fall within an endorsable major or minor, or the equivalent, held by the faculty member when teaching dual credit courses within the role and scope of their duties assigned by the employing postsecondary institution.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall issue specialist certificates, and the board of public education shall adopt specialist certification policies. The specialist certificate may be issued to an otherwise qualified applicant who has the training, experience, and license required under the standards of the board of public education for the certification of a profession other than the teaching profession.

(3) For purposes of evaluating the qualifications of applicants for either teacher or specialist certificates, a year means the instructional period consisting of three quarters or two semesters or other terms that are recognized as an academic year by any unit of the Montana university system or equivalent institution.""

Insert: "Section 4. Section 20-4-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-4-108. Term of teacher and specialist certificates -- renewal. (1) A teacher or specialist certificate issued by the superintendent of public instruction must bear the dates of issue and validity and is valid for a term of 5 school fiscal years,

except that a class 5 ~~provisional~~ alternative certificate is valid for the number of years, up to a maximum of 5 years, provided by the policies of the board of public education. The period of validity for any certificate begins on July 1 immediately preceding the date of issue, except that a teacher or specialist who applies for certification after January 1 may, upon request, have the period of validity of the certificate begin on July 1 following the date of application.

(2) Teacher and specialist certificates must be renewed for similar periods of time on the basis of the board of public education policies for teacher and specialist certification renewal.""

Renumber: subsequent section

- END -

MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call Vote
EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE


DATE 2/23/15 BILL NO SB 331 MOTION NO. SB 033103.APM
 MOTION: _____

Be Amended

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR MARK BLASDEL, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		✓
SENATOR JILL COHENOUR, MVCH	✓		✓
SENATOR LLEW JONES	✓		
SENATOR SHARON STEWART-PEREGOY	✓		
SENATOR BOB KEENAN	✓		
SENATOR MARY SHEEHY MOE	✓		
SENATOR ELSIE ARNTZEN	✓		
SENATOR TOM FACEY	✓		
SENATOR KRISTIN HANSEN	✓		
SENATOR TAYLOR BROWN, CHAIRMAN	✓		

SENATE PROXY

I, Senator Mark Blasdel, hereby authorize Senator Arntzen to vote my proxy before the Senate Education meeting held on Feb. 23, 2015.



Senator Signature

Date _____


Said authorization is as follows: *(mark only one)*

- ☐ All votes, including amendments.
- ☒ All votes as directed below on the listed bills, and all other votes.
- ☐ Votes only as directed below.

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SENATE PROXY

I, Senator Jim Whelan, hereby authorize Senator Facey to vote my proxy before the Senate Education and Cultural Resources meeting held on Feb 23, 2015.



Senator Signature

1/7/14
Date

Said authorization is as follows: *(mark only one)*

- ☒ All votes, including amendments.
- ☐ All votes as directed below on the listed bills, and all other votes.
- ☐ Votes only as directed below.

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